

SCHOOL BELIEFS

- Each student is a valued individual.
- All children can learn.
- Students learn in different ways.
- Students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process.
- Each student has unique physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.
- Teachers, parents, students, and community members are responsible for the support of the school's mission.
- Challenging expectations increase student performances.
- Student self-esteem is enhanced by mutual respect among and between staff and students.
- A safe and inviting environment promotes student learning.
- A curriculum that includes cultural diversity education increases a student's understanding and respect of different people.

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High Hills Elementary School

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School Improvement Council



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2018-2019

HIGH HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Annual Report to Parents

Mission Statement

The mission of High Hills Elementary School is to provide each student with a quality education by developing academic and social skills in a safe environment.

Vision Statement

The vision of High Hills Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence.

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OUR SCHOOL

High Hills Elementary School (HHES) is one of sixteen elementary schools serving students in Sumter School District. HHES serves students in grades 4 and 5 who reside on Shaw Air Force Base and throughout the surrounding rural communities of Sumter County. Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by developing creative and insightful lessons that enhance critical thinking skills.

Our dedicated teachers meet weekly to plan instructional activities that correlate to our state standards. Teachers are provided on-going professional development opportunities to enhance instructional strategies that incorporate technology and higher level thinking skills. We utilize educational research and test data to focus on programs and best practices that will help increase student achievement. The data for High Hills Elementary School is obtained from coursework, assessments and surveys. Information from the South Carolina State Assessments (SCPASS and SCREADY), Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests, and parent, teacher, and student surveys allows us to assess our instructional program and make programmatic changes as needed. High Hills provides interventions to students performing below grade level. Talented and gifted (TAG) students are served through Quest. In addition to these programs, HHES serves the whole child through related arts and clubs.

We continue to participate in a variety of community activities such as Relay for Life, American Heart Walk, Job Shadowing, Pennies for Patients, Chorus performances, Principal of the Day, Career Day and Team Building Day. Family involvement continues to flourish. Our parents are very supportive and continue to be involved in their child's education by serving on committees, attending workshops, chaperoning field trips, and volunteering in the classroom. Parent Portal and ClassDojo are active tools used to enhance home/school communication regarding student progress. High Hills provides a monthly calendar, weekly instruction updates, and a school newsletter featuring students and teachers. We have an active PTA and a growing number of volunteers who assist our students and teachers daily. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT!

High Hills Elementary School continues to provide a quality 21st Century education for our children while creating a lifelong community of learners.



DEAR PARENTS:

The Annual Report has been prepared for you and the school community as required by South Carolina law (Act 135). The report gives an overview of the improvements made during the 2018-2019 school year and describes the activities for this school year, as well as any updates made to our School Renewal Plan.

Keep in mind that this report is a summary of activities, events, and outcomes at High Hills and is not intended to be detailed or comprehensive in nature. If you have questions regarding more detailed information or would like a copy of the School Renewal Plan, please contact the school office at 499-3327. Thank you for your continued support!

Performance Goals

As part of our ongoing process of improvement, our school renewal committees developed performance goals to guide future growth.

- The percentage of students scoring at or above the proficiency level on state assessments will increase by 3% annually.
- By June 2022, the percent of the workforce who is certified will increase to 100% and will be maintained by a comprehensive program of recruitment, retention, and professional development.
- By June 2022, the percentage of parents satisfied with school-home relations will increase by 10% as measured by the state report card.
- The number of discipline referrals that result in suspensions will decrease by 10%, and expulsions will remain at less than 1% by June 2022.
- By June 2022, the student attendance rate will increase by 5%.
- By June 2022, the percentage of teachers, parents and students satisfied with the learning, social and physical environment will increase by 10% as measured by the state report card surveys.

PANTHER PRIDE

2017-2018 Highest number of Nearpod Certified Educators.

2018-2019 HHES Math Coach Shasta Smith named District Teacher of the Year!

2018-2019 Girls Taking Flight (G.T.F.) and Boys Taking Flight (B.T.F.) STEM Partnership with South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville, S.C.

2018-2019 HHES Steppers took 1st place in competition.

2018-2019 Business Partnership established with Kona Ice

2018-2019 Shasta Smith Sumter County Elementary Teacher of the Year

2019-2020 Desiree McMillan named as HHES Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year

2019-2020 Ryan Prescott named as HHES Teacher of the Year



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